DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY UPDATE - JULY 2005 Summer Intern Programs

I am pleased to announce that this year DLA has recorded our highest participation level ever in two key diversity summer intern programs: the Workforce Recruitment Program for College Students with Disabilities (WRP) and the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) National Intern Program. DLA has hired 35 students under the WRP and 23 students under the HACU program. In another "first", on July 22, 2005, the DLA **Corporate Equal Employment Opportunity Office hosted a** meeting of DLA WRP and HACU interns, their supervisors, **EEO Managers, and local coordinators for the programs.** The meeting held via video teleconference was the first time interns and supervisors in both programs gathered together to discuss their collective experiences in their respective programs and to provide the Headquarters feedback on how to expand participation. I believe the WRP and HACU Intern Programs are a "Win-Win" for DLA and the students, and I challenge Agency leadership to expand our future participation.

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